

## WITH THE LOCAL PASTORS

FAITH BEING  
PUT TO TEST

Rev. Charles Decker Holds  
War in Europe Not to Be  
Judged Too Early.

The Mary Ann club and the Studebaker club attended the services at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, which is in accordance with the established custom of the clubs to attend a church service in a body once a year.

Rev. Charles A. Decker spoke on the subject "The Trial of Faith."

He called attention to the changes that are taking place in every department of thought and life. "These changes are due to the disturbances among the nations," he said. "The slaughter of millions of men; the wasting of billions in property value; the creation of millions of orphans; the massacre of whole races, as in Armenia, and the problems of our own country. All of these things have a tremendous influence on our philosophy of life and religion. Changes in one department of life cause corresponding changes in every other phase of life. The result is that there has been a complete revolution among the religious conceptions and ideals of many men. Some have lost faith entirely. We have been led to ask what sort of a God it is at the center of the universe?"

"In relief of these doubts that are so prevalent, attention is called to the need of a perspective. People living amid changing conditions cannot apprise them at their full value. Nor can they judge as to their relation to the whole course of history. We today look with complacency upon the movements and events of other times because we understand their significance. They fit into a plan. They indicate progress. When at the time they may have seemed more like defeat. Take as an illustration the persecution of the early Christians. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives. But we have not let that destroy our faith in a good God. We see now that by these sacrifices the truth was advanced. Our own Civil war is an instance of this truth. At the time it was a great calamity. But we know now that it was necessary and that its results were good."

"It is thus we are to interpret the struggles and outrages of the year 1915. What good, it may be asked, is to come out of all these retrograde movements? No one can tell. It is too early. We are in the midst of them. The perspective will be needed to give us the proper view. But we are not going to give up our faith in the benevolent purposes of a good God simply because we cannot see the end from the beginning."

"There has been no breaking down of Christianity and the Christian ideals of peace, love and righteousness. Simply because these ideals have never been set up at the center of the nations."

"This is a world in which there is a mixture of good and evil. These two forces are constantly coming into contact, and when they do there is friction, commotion, confusion. As when two electrically charged masses of air come together in the sky there is lightning and thunder. But the result is a clarified atmosphere. So it is in the struggles between good and evil. The result in the end is more sweetness, more light, more love."

"At any rate we are in the dilemma in which the disciples found themselves when many were turning away from the Master. He asked them, 'Wilt thou too go away?' Their reply is ours. 'To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.'"

SAYS EVIDENCE STRONG  
THAT GOD LOVES MAN

"Have We Any Evidence that God Cares for Men?" was the subject discussed Sunday evening by Dr. James L. Gardiner, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, which was followed by motion pictures.

Dr. Gardiner said: "This is a most vital question—Does God care for human folks? If He does not then He cannot claim our worship, but if He does, not only may we worship Him but we may approach Him with the words, 'Our Father who art in Heaven.'"

"For answer to our question let us turn to the words of Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher that ever walked this earth. Let us turn to the words of our text. Jesus, in speaking to His disciples, said, 'Behold the birds of the air that they reap not, neither gather into barns, yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?' Again He said, 'Not one of them falleth to the ground without your Father knowing.'"

"Think of it. God takes care of the fowls of the air. He feedeth them. Will He not much more take care of us? Who are we? We are the children of God. Do you think for a moment that our Father in heaven will neglect us?"

"The highest and best word Jesus uttered in describing God was the word father. Once He said to a company of men, 'If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father in heaven give good things to them that ask him.'"

The sermon was enforced by two motion pictures—one "A Study in Birds," and the other, "The First Christmas." The latter picture beautifully portrayed God's love and care for men by the gift of Jesus Christ to the world on that first Christmas morning.

One Time "Bum" Now Devoted  
Worker in Saving Souls to Christ

Charles E. Taylor, better known as "Curly," last night told his life story from the time when he started out as a tramp at the age of 15 until he was converted one year ago Dec. 9. Taylor was the first convert at the City Rescue mission established by R. A. Bird. Last night's services were in celebration of the first year of the mission. Yesterday also marked the first anniversary of the conversion of Taylor's wife at the mission. Since Taylor was con-



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verted he has busied himself with mission work and is to leave shortly for the Pacific coast in his chosen work.

Taylor was born in this city and attended school to the sixth grade when his father died. The boy then ran away to the Pacific coast, where he began a career of 19 years of what he terms "low burning." He visited every state in the Union and also Mexico and Central America. In Texas three years ago he became sick and believing he was on his death bed said that if the Lord would give him a chance to live he would lead a better life. When he recovered he joined a show troupe and took to vaudeville. While in San Antonio he met Miss Mona Vance, an actress, and married her. In June of 1914 the couple came here to visit Mr. Taylor's mother.

Converted by Bird. Taylor became ill and again believing he was to die resolved that he would live a Christian life from then on if he should live. On Dec. 9, which was the first day that he could get out doors he was true to his word and attended the little mission where through the words of R. A. Bird he was converted. Following a few months' work at the Grace M. E. church and the city mission, Taylor and his wife went to the Moody Institute of Chicago where they took an evangelistic course.

Taylor had charge of the Popular Hall mission in Chicago for a few weeks and during three nights he had 18 conversions. The story of his work in the past year was told by Taylor as follows:

"One year ago, at the city mission, I came in here sick and sad, down hearted, discouraged, just about

been the means of leading some 250 men and women to Christ."

"This year ends with us the happiest year of our lives, and our regret is that we have to leave at this time to other parts, but we feel sure that we can continue our good work. We wish to say that where we have both been failures in every thing we attempted before, that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us, and we can say truly that the Lord is good. We wish to thank our friends who have taken such an interest in us, and especially Rev. F. K. Dougherty and Ray Bird, superintendent of the city mission. Next year will find us doing work for the Master on the Pacific coast."

do so it is under impulse only and not through principles to which their lives are committed. Their failure to have any publicly announced rules of conduct leaves them free to compromise upon occasion with evil should it please their temporary profit. They are without high ends for which they are striving in their own lives and in society. Esau seems to have lacked the ability to see religiously. He had no vision. His actions were directed by the time being and immediate advantage; he would sell a birthright for a good meal. A high life for a mess of pottage! What paltry bargain!

"In the light of this character we see how advantageous it becomes to have one's life committed to the Christian way, and guide one's conduct by the principles of Jesus Christ rather than by merely temporary policy and impulsive desire."

BELIEVES TOO MANY HIDE  
THEIR CHRISTIANITY

"Shine not only on Sunday but seven days each week. The only kind of a Christian is the shining one and his good works will honor God," said Rev. W. H. Freshley, pastor of the First Evangelical church, Sunday morning in his sermon on "Shine Not Only on Sunday."

"Jesus did not say go out into the world and talk and talk, but live and shine. Some one has said 'What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.' A man can serve God and let his light shine while driving a contrary hog as well as he can preaching the gospel. A man can be a big sinner sitting in the pew sinking 'I want to be an angel by and by' or he can be a saint while putting up a stovepipe."

"We can't all be big preachers of flaming lights; we can't all be big singers or nightingales or larks; we can't all do great things, but we can let men, the world, the flesh and the devil know where we stand. We read of a church member who went north to work among the lumberjacks. His friends wondered how he would stand the ridicule when they found out he was a Christian. When he came home they asked him if he was persecuted for being a Christian. He said, 'No, they didn't find out that I am a Christian. There are too many of that kind.'"

"If that man had been a Mason, Oddfellow, a democrat or republican they would have known it. If this world is ever illumined we will have to let our lights shine. We can't do it by singing 'O, think of the



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"Just think if every member of the church were a real genuine light for God. If every church member in the city would shine, if every member in the state, the nation and the world would shine, how the world would be illumined with the glory of Christ. Preaching and singing may be important but real Christian living is greater. We expect the preacher to live right or quit preaching. We expect the singer to live right or quit singing and let God expect every disciple to shine or quit professing."

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SAYS BURDEN OF SIN  
CAN BE MADE MUTUAL

Burdens of various kinds and how to bear them was the theme of a sermon by Rev. John S. Burns Sunday morning at the Trinity Presbyterian church.

"There are some burdens that are mutual, that can be shared and that we should share with one another—burdens of others that we should help them to bear," he said. "There are the sorrows of life, the cares and trials of life's problems that confront us all and that sadden many. Then there is the great burden of sin. There is no harder burden to bear than this. These burdens are mutual and we should help others bear them by our sympathy in times of sorrow and distress; a willing hand and a loving heart to our fellows in times of great cares and troubles."

"As for the burden of pressing sin—slavery sin—we can help to bear this too by sacrificial love and service to those who do not have Christ in their hearts. He only can take the burden of sin from our shoulders and lighten all our tasks which are made heavy by lack of faith, lack of vision, lack of prayer. We can help them to bear their burdens by bringing them to the Christ."

"There is a certain part connected with each sorrow, every care, every problem, every sin which no one can carry for us. There is a mark of sin which in this life even the Master does not take away. He takes the setting of a way from the memory remains. If you have ever really gotten under another's burden of sin in loving sympathy you will have learned that this burden which you are helping them to carry becomes very heavy and you take it to Christ in prayer and ask Him to help you carry it and He does; but He does not carry it all."

CHURCH SUPPERS  
ARE GIVEN RAP

Rev. T. J. Parsons Believes  
Spirituality on Decline in  
Many Congregations.

"It is a sad and pitiful sight to see an institution which professes to represent the Lord Jesus Christ in saving souls, turning the house of worship into a restaurant, a department store, or a second hand store to raise money for the Lord," said Rev. T. J. Parsons, pastor of the Quincy St. Baptist church, Sunday morning, in his sermon on the subject "God's Challenge."

"What must the ungodly think of the church which feels compelled to cover up its spiritual poverty by transforming its sanctuary into a show house, or denaturing its prayer meeting to capture the crowds. I have heard stories of men trying to feed the chickens by feeding them sawdust, instead of meal, and putting green spectacles on their horses to make shavings look like grass; but such people would be wise in comparison to those who turn from the Word and Spirit of God for power and resources in carrying on the work of the church of Jesus Christ. Says God Not a Pauper."

"Our Heavenly Father is not a pauper, but has boundless resources at His command, and does not ask us to stand on the street with a megaphone to our mouth, calling to the passersby to come in and get a good square meal for a quarter," so that the Ladies' Aid can help pay the preacher's salary. God says, 'Prove Me Now Hereafter.' But God is not proved by ticket selling and 'barking.' Many people would far rather tramp around all day, or weary themselves out in a church kitchen than spend one hour in prayer or Bible study. And yet this is done in the name of God and religion. How unspokeably sad."

"Here the Lord declares He is ready to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing greater than our capacity to contain. The crying need of most professing Christians is a happy, triumphant, spiritual victory, a relish for communion with God, and a love for reading His Word. Many of God's dear people are in great sorrow at the evident decline in spirituality in the churches."

Give One-Tenth of Income. "God has given his people sufficient financial resources for the successful prosecution of legitimate church work. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house,' is His command; and it is an undisputed fact that if all Christians would give to God one-tenth of their income, there would be sufficient means for home expenses and a missionary fund beyond the wildest dreams of our missionary statesmen. It is the oldest known system of church financing. If every church member places rich and poor on the same equality, it has the hearty endorsement of those who are practicing tithing their income, and it removes the temptation for the church to resort to questionable and hurtful methods of raising money."

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